

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 8
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Claims Nos.: 8

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery

Claim 8 relates to a method for measuring the oxygen saturation level in the brain tissue of a human or animal patient comprising the step of inserting the distal ends of optical fibres of an oximetry apparatus through a cranial access bolt positioned in the skull of the patient.

This International Searching Authority considers catheterisation a surgical step. Moreover, it considers that the presence of a surgical step in a multi-step method for treatment of the human or animal body confers a surgical character on that method.

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